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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, MARCH 21, 2001

APPLICATION OF

STICKDOG TELECOM, INC.

CASE NO. PUC000306

To expand its service territory
for the provision of local
exchange telecommunications
services as a reseller and
facilities-based carrier to
statewide; to request a certificate
of public convenience and necessity
for the provision of interexchange
telecommunications services
throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia;
and for interim authority to provide
local telecommunications services
to customers of PICUS Communications, LLC

FINAL ORDER

On November 13, 2000, Stickdog Telecom, Inc. ("Stickdog" or "Applicant"), filed its application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") to amend its certificate of public convenience and necessity for authority to provide local exchange telecommunications services as a reseller and facilities-based carrier throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia; for authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia; and for interim authority to provide local exchange

telecommunications services to customers of PICUS Communications, LLC.¹

By Order dated November 22, 2000, the Commission directed Stickdog to publish notice to the general public concerning its application to expand its local exchange authority to encompass the entire Commonwealth of Virginia and its request for interexchange telecommunications services authority statewide; directed the Commission Staff to conduct an investigation and file a Staff Report; and granted interim authority to Stickdog for the provision of non-facilities based resold local exchange telecommunications services to customers of PICUS Communications, LLC, located outside of Stickdog's current service territory. Stickdog filed the required proofs of publication and notice on January 17, 2001, and January 23, 2001. The November 22, 2000, Order also established a deadline of January 26, 2001, for persons to file comments or requests for hearing concerning Stickdog's application, and none were received.

On February 6, 2001, the Staff filed its report finding that Stickdog's application was in compliance with 20 VAC 5-400-180, the Rules Governing the Offering of Competitive Local

¹ By Order dated August 4, 1997, in Case No. PUC970050, Stickdog was authorized to provide service as a non-facilities based reseller of local telecommunications services within the counties of Loudoun, Arlington, Fairfax, Prince William, and all municipalities located therein, and the cities of Alexandria, Falls Church, Fairfax, Manassas, and Manassas Park.

Exchange Telephone Service ("Local Rules"), and 20 VAC 5-400-60, the Rules Governing the Certification of Interexchange Carriers ("IXC Rules"). Based upon its review of Stickdog's application and unaudited financial statements, the Staff determined that it would be appropriate to expand Stickdog's current local exchange authority to statewide and to grant the Company an interexchange certificate, subject to two conditions: (1) the Company should continue to be bound by Ordering Paragraph (3) contained in the August 4, 1997, Final Order in Case No. PUC970050, which granted Stickdog's original local exchange certificate requiring that any customer deposits collected by Stickdog be retained in an unaffiliated third-party escrow account until such time as the Staff or Commission determines it is no longer necessary; and (2) Stickdog shall provide audited financial statements to the Staff of the Division of Economics and Finance no later than one (1) year from the date of the Commission's Final Order in this case.

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of the application and the Staff Report, the Commission finds that Stickdog's application should be granted.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) The certificate of public convenience and necessity of Stickdog Telecom, Inc., No. T-383, is hereby canceled and reissued as Certificate No. T-383a to reflect that the local

exchange service territory of Stickdog Telecom, Inc. has been expanded to encompass the entire Commonwealth and that the resale restriction has been removed.

(2) Stickdog Telecom, Inc., is hereby granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity, No. TT-140A, to provide interexchange telecommunications services subject to the restrictions set forth in the IXC Rules, § 56-265.4:4 of the Code of Virginia, and the provisions of this Order.

(3) Stickdog shall continue to be bound by ordering paragraph three (3) contained in the August 4, 1997, Final Order in Case No. PUC970050, which granted Stickdog's original local exchange certificate. This condition required that should Stickdog collect customer deposits, it must establish and maintain an escrow account, held by an unaffiliated third party for such funds, and notify the Division of Economics and Finance of the escrow arrangement. That escrow account shall be maintained for such time as the Staff or Commission determines is necessary.

(4) Stickdog shall provide audited financial statements for itself to the Division of Economics and Finance no later than one (1) year from the date of the Commission's Final Order in this case.

(5) Stickdog shall provide revised tariffs to the Division of Communications that conform to all applicable Commission

rules and regulations within sixty (60) days of issuance of this Order.

(6) There being nothing further to come before the Commission, this matter is dismissed and the papers accumulated herein shall be placed in the file for ended causes.